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SUBJ: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH LIFE PRES BANDA
SEPT 26, AMB BROUGHT UP KOREA ISSUE AT 30TH UNGA,
MAKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTELS (A) AND (B).

2. AMB STRESSED KOREAN ISSUE IS OF VITAL CONCERN
TO US AND APPEALED FOR GOM SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RES
OR ABSTENTION AS LAST YEAR AT MINIMUM.

3. BANDA RESPONDED THAT MALWI WAS FOR WEST, AND US AS
MAJOR WESTERN POWER, AND THAT MALAWI HAD RECORD OF SUPPORTING
US ON KOREAN ISSUE UNTIL LAST YEAR WHEN IT CHANGED TO ABSTENTION.
THE PRES EXPLAINED THAT CHANGE WAS DUE TO US POLICY OF
DETENTE WITH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHICH LEFT MALAWI IN
SOME DOUBT AS TO WHAT FUTURE STEPS US MIGHT TAKE IN REGARD TO
KOREA WHICH MIGHT LEAVE MALAWI OUT ON LIMB.

4. BANDA THEN CONFIDEDTHAT NORTH KOREANS HAD VISITED
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MALAWI TWICE, LAST TIME ONLY FOUR WEEKS AGO, TO CONVINCE

MALWI TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SUPPORT THEIR CAUSE IN UNGA. THE PRES SAID HE REBUFFED THEM, TELLING THEM THAT MALWI HAD NO INTEREST IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS.

5. WHILE BANDA WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RES, HE NOW APPRECIATES OUR CONCERN AND RATIONALE AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO INSTRUCT MALAWIAN DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN AT MINIMUM.

6. EMB WILL COORDINATE WITH UK HIGHCOM AND FOLLOW UP WITH GOM FOREIGN OFFICE IN LILONGWE IN EFFORT TO CONVINCE GOM TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RES.

7. FOR USUN. WE BELIEVE THERE STILL POSSIBILITY OF GOM FAVORABLE VOTE AND RECOMMEND USUN WORK ON MALAWIAN DELEGATION TO THIS END. BEST CONTACTS WOULD BE OAU AFFAIRS MINISTER CHIDZANJA NKHOMA AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION REDWELL MUNYENYEMBE WHO ARE DUE TO ARRIVE NEW YORK SEPT 29.
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